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| For                | : | GENE TRANSFER VECTOR | ) |                         |
|                    |   | SYSTEM DERIVED FROM  | ) |                         |
|                    |   | COXSACKIE VIRUS      | ) |                         |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. national phase application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**On page 1 of the English language translation of the Specification, immediately after the Title of the Invention, please insert:**

This is the U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application PCT/EP00/07768, filed August 10, 2000, which claims priority to German Application 19939095.9, filed August 18, 1999.

**On page 1 of the English language translation of the Specification immediately before the first paragraph which begins, "The present invention...", please insert:**

Field of the Invention

**On page 2 immediately before the first full paragraph which begins, "Although various techniques...", please insert:**